

Remarks

The present Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is filed in response to the final Office action mailed May 18, 2007.

In the Office action, Claims 12-17, 32-37 and 56, 57, 59-60 and 69-76 were allowed. Claims 62 and 63 were rejected as being dependent on a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten Claim 61 to include the features of Claims 62 and 63.

Claim 65 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of Claim 66 and 67. Applicants have amended Claim 65 to include the features of Claim 66 and 67.

In light of the above, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. It is therefore requested that the Examiner pass this application to issue at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner has any further questions, he is invited to call applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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